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Mrs. Ester Lederberg Department of Genetics Stanford Medical School Palo Alto - Calif.

Dear Mrs. Lederberg,

although I have seen that you personally take care of the culture collection, I am going to impose you one further burden. If available, Polsinelli and I would like to have cultures of B. subtilis: one adenineless, one thymineless and one uracileless.

In addition, we would like to test non competent strains of B. subtilis for resistance actinomycin. As you know, we have found that the resistant strains have lost almost completely the capacity to be transformed.

I am taking the occasion to thank you very much for your kindness during my stay at Palo Alto.

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Best regards.

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